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City Hall to Celebrate Women's History Month Art Exhibit Features Work of Several Local Women

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy** will host an opening reception in celebration of Women's History Month through a group exhibition from **6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at City Hall, 280 Grove Street.**

"From the earliest pioneer days to the modern age, women have played a significant role throughout history," said **Mayor Healy**. "The month of March is a wonderful time for us to remember these trailblazers and embrace the unique talents of great women both past and present. This exhibit showcases the role women continue to play in Jersey City's thriving and diverse art scene."

The group exhibit will feature 22 artists whose work represents many different disciplines. Artists on display are:

Gloria Aziza Lawyer: paintings with a movement of shades, colors and brush strokes that projects an array of urban "folk" coming forth and withdraw in cadenced unity and human pulses. These works have the potential to enchant and quiet the soul

Beth Achenbach: photographs that captures an artistic view in the everyday world -- architecture, beautiful flowers, street signs, even simple old rusty parts all photographed by her with an appreciation for what they once were and how they will remain after human life is gone. Her work begins with the basics, a camera, a roll of color film and Beth's never ending search for those treasures that she so willingly allows us to see through her eyes.

Christine Goodman: photos and painting. Goodman has been living and creating art in Jersey City, NJ for almost ten years. She debuted her photography in the Fall of 2005 as part of Eye4One Studios' 1000 Words show, hailed by Ahn Behrens of the Waterfront Journal as "among the strongest in the show."

Aleathia Brown: watercolors that often depict bold striking images of family structure and harmony. The medium and visual images provoke reactions causing people to start an open dialogue.

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Rachael Serbinski: embroidery that is essentially about a woman's relationship with her own body. It is centered on themes of exhibition, seduction, innocence, exposure and potency in an attempt to unravel the mysteries of womanhood, to arrive at a frank interpretation of what it means to be feminine

Maggie Ens: mixed media assemblage of "rescued precious stuff and priceless snippets" that creates an environmentally sensitive underwater basket woven sculptures.

Joan Palmer: oil paintings inspired by the potential and artistic vibe throughout Jersey City. It is an expression of the artist's vulnerable and sensitive nature expressed in each stroke of the brush that allows the artist to reconnect with the external influences of my past thus enhancing my vision for the future.

Aimee Hertog: digital photographs with themes that celebrates life in quirky and humorous ways. It is a return to the innocence of childhood.

Karen Carattini: paintings featuring compositions that range from the realistic to the abstract. Her extraordinary uniqueness is depicted in her pieces that make use of "ghost images" of flowers that add dimension to her work as well as those with a textile look.

The exhibit also features the work of Allison Green, Helen Cantrell, Mary Serbe, Kristen Ulfsparre, Edith Marcik, Nancy Mahoney, Gerald Glover, Heather Williams, Saydi Kaufman, Adam Tharpe, Elizabeth Djakov, Olivia Funghini, and Patricia Zapata.

The reception is free and open to the public and is handicap accessible. Refreshments will be served.

The show, which is curated by City Hall Art Curator Greg Brickey, will run through the end of this month. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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